

Davis on Labor.

The Lincoln (Ill) Courier publishes an extract from a letter recently written by Vice-Presidential Candidate Davis in which he discusses his labor record. He denies the charge that he employed injunctions against his men and asserts that he, on the contrary, declined to apply for an injunction when it was suggested by one of his superintendents. In the letters he says:

"I am glad to have your letter calling my attention to the publication placing me in an attitude of hostility to the laboring class. No one who knows me personally or is at all acquainted with the circumstances of my life, will put any credence in the statements to which you refer. I think I can well claim that I belong to the laboring class.

"For many years I worked in the ranks as a wage-earner and I know what it is to earn my living by the sweat of my brow. On the other hand I have been a large employer of labor, in railroads, coal mines, lumber mills, etc., and have never had any serious trouble with our men. I can recall but two instances in which there were strikes, and these were of short duration and peaceably settled. No man has ever been discharged from our service because he was a union man or been evicted from a company's house for any reason. I think you will find that the conditions of the road man and the miner in connection with the enterprises I have directed will compare most favorably with those in other localities of the country.

"I have always believed, and my conviction came from the hard school of experience, that measured by the character of the work he does and the cost of living every man is entitled to full compensation for his services.

"I am charged with having instituted proceeding which led to an injunction against strikers, by Judge Jackson, of this state. The fact is, I had nothing whatever to do with the case, and knew nothing about the matter until I read of it in the newspapers. The injunction did not apply to the men in our employ nor pertain to them in any way. On the contrary I remember on one occasion one of our superintendents suggested an injunction against our men and I declined to consider it."—*Continued.*

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